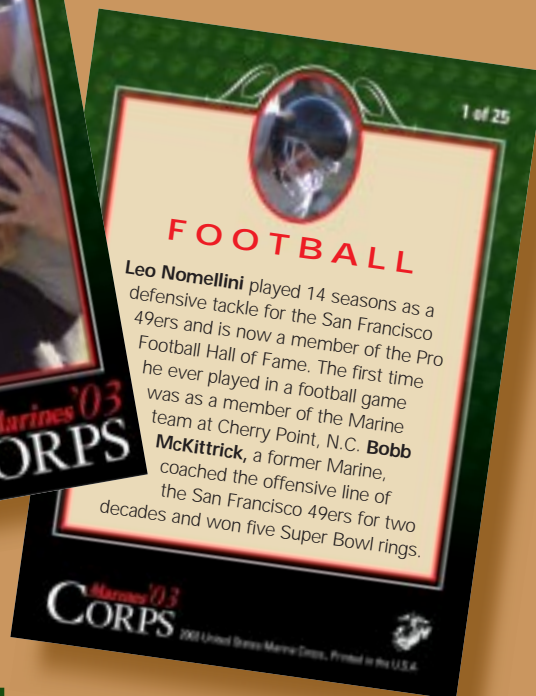


Marines FOOTBALL, SOCCER & RUGBY



< **Cherry Point Varsity linebacker**
Terrel Roundtree strips the ball from
Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany
quarterback William M. Magill.

Photo by Cpl. Kevin Hayner



Kick'n It on the Field

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Football originates from the combined sports of soccer and rugby—two brutally demanding sports that require the stamina of an ox.

Marines who engage in these intense sports, exemplify the esprit de corps that gives the Marine Corps its battle winning reputation. Bottom line, if a Marine has the goal or the enemy in his or her sights, consider the mission complete. **M**

Football Facts

- Former Marine Jim Mora coached in the NFL for 16 seasons, finishing with a 125-106 record and six playoff appearances.
- Marcus Allen was NFL Rookie of the Year in 1982, Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XVIII, and NFL Most Valuable Player in 1985. He is a member of the

Pro Football Hall of Fame. In 1981, as a senior at the University of Southern California, Allen won the Heisman Trophy by becoming the first college player to rush for more than 2,000 yards during the regular season.

• Joe Montana quarterbacked Notre Dame to a national title in 1977, and he quarterbacked the San Francisco 49ers to four Super Bowl victories, earning three Super Bowl Most Valuable Player awards in the process. The one time he wasn't Super Bowl MVP, he led a 92-yard drive that culminated with his touchdown pass to John Taylor in the final minute.

• The longest run in NFL history is a 99-yarder by Tony Dorsett, which he managed to do even though the Cowboys lined up with 10 players on the field instead of 11.

• Jerry Rice has scored more touchdowns – than anyone else in NFL history. Rice has scored eight touchdowns in Super Bowls, which is also a record. Rice holds the records for most receptions in the regular season, most receptions in the playoffs, and most receptions in the Super Bowl.

• Football is one of the most popular American sports, attracting thousands of participants, and millions of spectators annually.

• The forerunner of American football may have been a game played by the ancient Greeks, called *harpaston*.

• Football became so popular in England, that various English monarchs, including Edward II and Henry VI, forbade the game because it took interest away from the military sport of archery.

• Col. Frank Goettge, celebrated in his heyday as 'the Great Goettge.' In the enlisted ranks in 1917 and an officer in 1918, he was best known for his exploits as a fullback on the 2nd Division, American Expeditionary Forces football team and later on the Marine Corps football team in Quantico. Goettge dominated the field during the early 20s and was considered one of the best football players of the day. Sought after by the New York Giants, Goettge remained a Marine officer and was killed during a patrol on Guadalcanal during World War II.

• Today, despite greatly increased interest in professional football, more than 35 million spectators attend intercollegiate contests—played by about 640 teams—each year.

• In the earliest games of football, each team used 25 players at a time; that number was reduced to 20 players in 1873; 15 in 1876; and 11 in 1880, where it remains today.

• In 1935, the Downtown Athletic Club of New York City established an award honoring one of the outstanding college football coaches in the country, John William Heisman—he is credited with legalizing the forward pass.

▼ **Cherry Point wide receiver,**
Darius Griffin jumps high over a
Marine Corps Logistics Base
defensive back for this catch.

Photo by Cpl. Kevin Hayner





▲ **Cpl. Marina D. Lopez**, administrative chief, 1st Force Service Support Group, strives to make herself better during every game.

Photo by Cpl. Krystal N. Leach

• The John W. Heisman Trophy is awarded annually to the outstanding college player of the year, as decided by a national poll of sportswriters.

• The first professional football game in the United States took place in 1895 in the town of Latrobe, Pa. between a team representing Latrobe and a team from Jeannette, Pa.

• Former Marine, and Medal of Honor recipient, Lt. Jack Lummus, signed as a free agent with the New York Giants in 1941, and played in the NFL championship game. (Served in the Marine Corps from 1942-1945; died March 8, 1945 on Iwo Jima)

Rugby Facts

• Rugby started at the Rugby School, which is located in the town of Rugby, in the Midlands of England.

• On January 26, 1871, the Rugby Football Union (RFU) was formed.

• On March 27, 1871, the first international rugby match was played. Scotland beat England in Edinburgh by a goal and a "try to a try" (points were not set yet), and there were 20 players on each team (15 today).

• Prince William plays rugby for St. Andrews University in Scotland.

• Rugby is traditionally played for two 40-minute halves, on a football-sized field.

• There are more than 65,000 active rugby participants in the United States.

• There are more 1,400 rugby clubs in the United States.

• 79 percent of active players are between the age 18 and 34.

• The most popular club sport on American college campuses is rugby.

• A national champion is crowned every year at club (Division I, II, and III) collegiate, military, and high school levels.

• A world champion is crowned every four years.

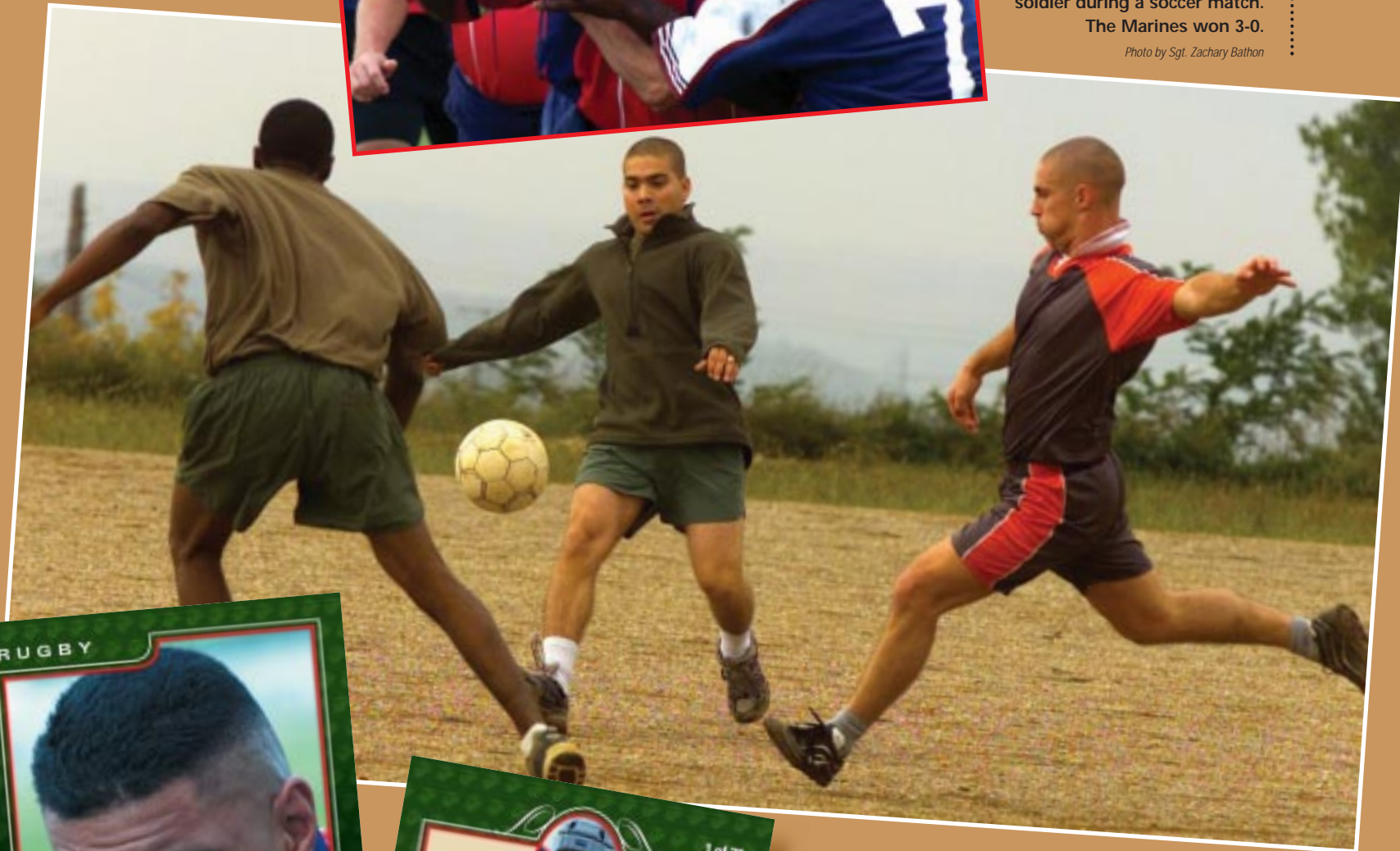
Soccer History

• In 1966, when England beat Germany at Wembley to win the World Cup, there were 93,802 spectators.

• The modern soccer ball, constructed from hexagonal pieces of leather, owes its design to mathematician and architect Buckminster Fuller, and can be described as a "Bucky Ball."

➤ **Leon McFadden** tries to keep control of the ball as a defenseman makes contact for the tackle during a tournament aboard MCB Camp Foster in Okinawa Feb. 24.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Nathaniel C. LeBlanc



▲ **Latu Puloka**, Exiles center, takes a break after a skirmish for a loose ball.

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Soccer's Top Dogs

Most goals scored by a goalkeeper in a single match:

Penalty hat trick (3 consecutive goals) by goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert (Paraguay) playing for Velez Sarsfield in the Argentine professional league.

Fastest goal scored:

Based on video evidence, Ricardo Olivera (Uruguay) scored a goal in December 1998 in 2.8 seconds.

Fastest time to score a hat-trick: Two minutes, 13 seconds, by Jimmy O'Connor playing for Shelbourne (Ireland) in November 1967.

Longest throw-in:

Michael Lochner, of Bexley High School in Ohio, threw-in for 158 feet and 4 inches in June 1998.

Largest attendance at a soccer match:

In a World Cup match, Brazil vs. Uruguay at the Maracana Municipal Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, July 1950 – 199,854 people.



▼ **Marines** from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) put pressure on a German soldier during a soccer match. The Marines won 3-0.

Photo by Sgt. Zachary Bathon